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Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was mostly light to fair; food service was fair to fairly good, best for fast food. Supplies were at least adequate and slow to clear, even at attractive prices. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair with trading done on an as needed basis. Wings and tenders were adequate, and dark meat was fully sufficient. Breast items were in the longest balance and heavily discounted to help move, particularly boneless skinless. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 81.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 67.75 cents last year on July 23, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	257.50
BREASTS - B/S	242.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	135.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.50
LEG QUARTERS	35.50
WINGS	117.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was slow to fair with limited features, and food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies were more than sufficient and slow to clear. In the parts structure, trading was unaggressive to fair. Wings and tenders were in balance, but the remaining items were at least adequate to ample with minimal interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was very light and unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers cautiously assessed the market and kept floor stocks tightly balanced. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts remained ample and bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient and wings were adequate.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained barely steady to weak. Offerings were moderate to heavy on very light buyer activity. Fill in trade noted into the Chicago area on 2 3/4 wogs at 79 cents. The lackluster retail demand pattern continued with occasional fair interest noted for scattered features. Retail ads noted on whole fryers at 99 cents; major brand all cuts 33% off; split breasts at \$1.49; boneless/skinless breasts at \$2.59; drums at 99 cents; drums/thighs at 49 and 59 cents; and leg quarters at 39 cents. Food service demand was mixed with fast food showing fairly good demand overall. Floor stocks were adequate to plentiful. Weights were mixed. Additional orders on parts were very limited with current commitments less than previous week's. Supplies of wings and drums were in balance, tenders adequate and all other items fully sufficient to ample. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on wings, steady on tenders and drums and barely steady to weak on the balance of parts.

WESTERN The market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings in good balance on small sized product and ample on heavy weights. Sharp discounts were offered to help stimulate interest in excess product. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on parts with breast noted in the weakest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 07/17/04	2004	2003	<u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	213,573	208,336	+03
CHICKS PLACED	174,330	165,525	+05

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 17, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 17, 2004. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 17, 2004 were 4.99 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 28-Aug-04 is estimated at 161.1 million head. This compares to 161.6 million head the previous week and to 157.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.31 cents per pound.

JUL 20 **SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** JUL 21
 F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	923	170.00-319.00	-	192.97
TENDERLOINS	226	200.00-282.00	210-220	213.21
BREAST - LINE RUN	122	125.00-138.00	125-135	132.17
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	34.00-57.00	-	39.27
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	613	24.00-32.00	25-28	27.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	976	26.00-37.00	-	28.56
WINGS (WHOLE)	352	96.00-122.00	97-101	102.76
WINGS (CUT)	446	112.00-119.00	115-119	117.09
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 JULY 20, 2004 -- FOB DOCK

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,118	155.00-319.00	-	166.80
TENDERLOINS	154	200.00-282.00	210-220	224.51
BREAST - LINE RUN	102	122.00-135.00	-	129.90
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	98	33.00-57.00	38-40	39.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	508	23.00-32.00	25-27	26.65
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,110	26.00-35.00	28-29	28.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	94.00-111.00	94-96	98.21
WINGS (CUT)	518	112.00-119.00	114-117	116.45
DRUMSTICKS	39	39.00-60.00	-	45.92
THIGHS	46	31.00-58.00	-	41.52
B/S THIGHS	87	92.00-128.00	-	96.97

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 JULY 21, 2004 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
68.50 - 75.00	71.02	66.50 - 73.50	69.29	71.21

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was slow during midweek trading as dealers worked hand-to-mouth and cautiously monitored market developments. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were ample and sharply discounted and bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were adequate. Retail and distributive draw was lackluster. The market tone was weak on breast items, barely steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

JUL 20 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	JUL 21 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	215-220	224.21	589,242	BREAST - B/S	210-215	205.83	528,948
TENDERLOINS	225	221.71	186,590	TENDERLOINS	225	221.31	135,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	124-125	134.39	132,960	BREAST - WITH RIBS	122-123	132.18	112,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	124	127.14	116,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	122	125.28	139,280
LEGS	49-50	47.19	234,639	LEGS	49-50	44.95	268,519
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	33.90	392,467	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	35.03	288,396
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	46.54	182,460	DRUMSTICKS	42-43	48.73	216,200
THIGHS	38-39	46.46	110,620	THIGHS	37-38	44.61	94,520
B/S THIGHS	97-98	95.33	106,380	B/S THIGHS	95-96	96.01	32,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	106.45	151,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	111.19	118,570
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	37,080	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.79	30,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	25.97	15,440	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	26.48	15,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.88	31,080	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.59	23,640

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/21	07/20	07/19	07/16	07/14
ALA	4,078	4,076	3,905	4,507	5.17
ARK	5,425	5,125	5,447	4,859	5.13
DELMARVA	2,110	2,218	2,216	2,270	5.62
KY-LA-TN	2,048	2,089	1,985	2,303	5.09
MISS	3,020	3,075	3,058	3,581	5.46
NC	2,478	2,234	2,325	3,008	6.19
TEXAS	2,539	2,445	2,487	2,458	5.27
TOTAL	21,698	21,262	21,423	22,986	5.36
MON-WED	64,483(A)				63,420(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Jul-04 is estimated to be 32,463,000 head up 3.90 percent from a week ago and up 5.08 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,245,000, last year 30,894,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	76-81
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 116
	ICE PACK 109
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 110
	ICE PACK 108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93
	DRY PACK 95
DUCKS	162-185

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-JULY-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/24/04 (1)	07/17/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	162,850 (2)	166,246
LT HENS	1,522	1,523
HVY HENS	1,455	1,448
CHECK TOTAL	165,827	166,864

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Jul-04 is 167.1 million head compared to 159.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.2 million head or 3.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 31-Jul-04 the estimated available is 166.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 07/19/04	198,922	54,709
AM 07/01/04	197,449	57,329
CHG	1,473	-2,620
PCT CHG	1	-5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/19/04	07/12/04	07/21/03	07/19/04	07/12/04	07/21/03
PACIFIC						
COAST	9,227	9,237	15,112	5,040	4,757	4,716
LOS						
ANGELES	352	360	164	3,498	3,299	2,765

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 19, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-70
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 07/20/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.70	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.20	1.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	2.20	1.51	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	1.95	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.90	1.85	1.21	RABBITS ea.	-	1.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	5.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	3.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	9.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	4.00	4.25	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	4.75	8.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS 43							

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 16, 2004

	<u>Whole</u> <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs</u> <u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u> <u>& Wings</u>	<u>Livers/</u> <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	68.71	119.16	79.44	15.89	15.89	43.69
High	69.51	127.10	87.38	19.86	19.86	43.69
Mostly	68.71	127.10	87.38	15.89	19.86	43.69

SAN JUAN

Low	68.71	119.16	79.44	15.89	15.89	43.69
High	69.51	127.10	87.38	19.86	19.86	43.69
Mostly	69.11	127.10	87.38	19.86	15.89	43.69

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	68.71	119.16	79.44	15.89	15.89	47.66
High	69.51	127.10	87.38	19.86	19.86	47.66
Mostly	68.71	127.10	87.38	15.89	15.89	47.66

BECERRA

Low	68.71	119.16	79.44	11.92	15.89	47.66
High	69.91	131.07	87.38	19.86	19.86	47.66
Mostly	68.71	131.07	87.38	15.89	19.86	47.66

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and spotty at best. Seller offerings were readily available, competitively priced, and slow to clear. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 77 to 92 cents. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless and bone-in breasts were in excess and discounting was a prominent factor in current activity. Leg items were fully adequate and were generally noted as at manageable levels. Wings were adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	73-101
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	81.59
NO. OF BOXES	7,544

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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